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COMMUNICATION SECURITY

Regulations Governing the Use of Internal Communication  
 Facilities

1. General. The following regulations governing the use of electrical communication facilities prescribe a minimum standard of transmission security. They apply to all electrical communication circuits terminating in locations under the responsibility and authority of the Director. The supervisor of the area in which the terminal equipment is located is directly responsible to see that the rules prescribed herein are strictly adhered to.
2. Black Telephone System
  - a. The common, or black, telephone system is to be used for the transmission of UNCLASSIFIED information ONLY. Particular care should be exercised in the use of the black telephone in an area where classified information is being discussed.
  - b. The use of veiled talk and vague references to classified information is prohibited in that it does not ensure protection to the subject under discussion and does encourage outright breaches of security by giving the user a false sense of security.
  - c. Paragraph 2b above is not intended to prohibit the use of unclassified short titles if the conversation does not reveal the connection of the short title with either the long title or the classified information itself.
3. Red Telephone System
  - a. The secure, or red, telephone system, identified by the red bands on the handset or by red dial rings, may be used for the transmission of classified information up to and including SECRET, subject to the following rules:
    - (1) The red telephone will not be used when a black telephone within hearing distance is off the hook, or when a loud-speaker-type interoffice communication system within hearing is in use.

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- (2) If the party called on the black telephone is engaged in conversation on the red telephone, the calling party will not be permitted to hold the line.
- (3) Should extensions on the red telephone be required, all extensions must be in the same room and visible to all users.
- (4) Any trouble or unusual noises shall be reported at once in the manner proscribed in the Red Phone Directory.
- (5) Personnel stationed at Arlington Hall Station and Naval Security Station will also abide by the respective station rules governing the use of the red telephone.

b. No TOP SECRET information will be transmitted over the telephone at any time.

4. Interoffice Communication System.

- a. Interoffice communication systems which have loudspeakers in the receivers are approved for the transmission of RESTRICTED information.
- b. Interoffice communication systems which have only earphones at the receivers may be approved individually for transmission of classified information up to and including SECRET. The Chief, Office of Communication Security, is responsible for determining the security classification for which each system is approved. Applications for approval will be submitted to that Office by disposition form.
- c. Particular care should be exercised in the use of interoffice communication systems in an area where information is being discussed which has a security classification higher than that for which the circuit is approved.

5. Circuits Equipped with On-Line Encryption Devices. The highest classification of information which may be transmitted over a circuit equipped with an on-line encryption device is the highest classification for which the encryption system is authorized. The maximum classification of information authorized for encryption in each system is contained in appropriate operating instructions.

6. Electronic Transcriber Equipment

- a. Transcriber equipment such as the Dictaphone may be used for any security classification. The wire tape, belt, or disc has the same classification as that of the highest classified information contained thereon and must be safeguarded accordingly.

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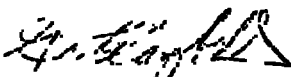
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- b. Due to the physical impossibility of checking by the Security Watch Patrolman and Guards, all wire tapes and all engraved bolts and discs shall be given handling and storage as if classified at least CONFIDENTIAL.

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